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1. USAID-FUNDED "CENTRAL VETERINARY LABORATORY" DEDICATED
BY MALIAN CHIEF OF STATE MOUSSA TRAORE.

2. BAMA KO, AUGUST 27 - MALI'S NEW CENTRAL VETERINARY
LABORATORY (CVL) FACILITY WAS INAUGURATED TODAY BY COL.
MOUSSA TRAORE, HEAD OF THE RULING COMITE MILITAIRE DE
LIBERATION NATIONALE. U.S. AMBASSADOR PATRICIA M. BYRNE
AND MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT SORY COULIBALY MADE
DEDICATION SPEECHES. FOLLOWING THE RIBBON-CUTTING,
THERE WAS A TWO-HOUR "WALK-THROUGH" OF THE FACILITIES,
GIVING THE CHIEF OF STATE AND MADAME TRAORE, ACCOMPANIED
BY MEMBERS OF THE C.M.L.N. AND MANY INVITED AMERICAN AND
MALIAN DIGNITARIES AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, AN
OPPORTUNITY TO SEE FIRSTHAND THE C.V.L. FACILITIES
IN ACTION. SPEECHES BY AMBASSADOR AND MINISTER WERE
BROADCAST IN FULL BY RADIO MALI, AND OPENING RECEIVED
EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN DAILY "L'ESSOR." CEREMONIES ALSO
FILMED FOR MALI CINEMA NEWSREEL.

3. THE C.V.L. - A COMPLEX OF TWO MAJOR BUILDINGS FOR
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VACCINE PRODUCTION AND ADMIN-RESEARCH, PLUS SEPARATE
UNITS FOR STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE AND SURROUNDING
GROUNDS- STARTED AS A USAID/MALI PROJECT IN LATE 1963,
WITH AN INITIAL LOAN OF ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
DOLLARS FOR CONSTRUCTION. SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS HAVE
BROUGHT THE TOTAL USAID INPUT TO MORE THAN 3.5 MILLION
DOLLARS, INCLUDING \$1,700,000 IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

GRANTS. AMERICAN SPECIALISTS, AS PROJECT MANAGERS AND AS RESEARCHERS, HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE C.V.L. FROM THE START. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF EQUIPMENT FROM SAUDI ARABIA, THE U.N. DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

4. THE C.V.L., NOW FULLY OPERATIONAL, PRODUCES SUFFICIENT VACCINES FOR MALI'S ANIMAL HUSBANDRY NEEDS AND COULD SUPPLY ALL REQUIREMENTS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. EMERGENCY DONATIONS OF VACCINE HAVE BEEN MADE TO GUINEA AND MAURITANIA. THE C.V.L. VACCINE PRODUCTION IS DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT MALI BY THE LIVESTOCK SERVICE. IMPROVED ANIMAL HEALTH IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO OTHER MAJOR USAID PROJECTS IN ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND MARKETING IMPROVEMENTS. C.V.L. ALSO SERVES AS HOST INSTITUTION FOR A TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY TSE-TSE FLY ERADICATION PROJECT, INVOLVING SEVERAL AMERICAN AND THIRD-COUNTRY RESEARCHERS IN AN EFFORT TO DISCOVER ECONOMICAL WAYS OF CONTROLLING THIS WIDESPREAD AND DEBILITATING PROBLEM IN WEST AFRICA.

5. THROUGHOUT THE SAHEL REGION LIVESTOCK IS ONE OF THE MAINSTAYS OF THE ECONOMY, AND MUCH OF THE AID EFFORT SUPPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN THIS AND OTHER SEC-
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TORS OF AGRICULTURE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE RURAL LIFE. AS AMBASSADOR BYRNE NOTED IN HER ADDRESS: "THE C.V.L. PROJECT SUPPORTS TWO OF THE MAIN THRUSTS OF THE U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN AFRICA: TO HELP IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND TO MAKE AVAILABLE THE BEST OF AMERICAN TECHNOLOGICAL EXPERTISE" AFTER MORE THAN A DECADE, THE C.V.L., WITH SOME OF THE MOST MODERN EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE AND WITH A TRAINED PROFESSIONAL STAFF, IS READY TO MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO MALIAN DEVELOPMENT.
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